Retford 12 Oct 1818

My dear Brother Sem,

Your Feelings on leaving Stone will be mine very soon now, for I have almost fixed my intended Time. - I shall try to get away on Monday or Tuesday next - and indeed I have begun to depart already for when once Goodbye begins the visit seems to hurry fast away. We had one comfort in the day you left us - it was so very beautifully fine that we thought you would have pleasure from that circumstance - Thank you dear Sam for your Remarks about the Magazine. - When I get to Town I must see what can be done - but I fear there will be but little chance unless I undertake the Editorship of having it brought out to my satisfaction -

I have had another scheme in my Head which I supposed I never mentioned to you, though I have since done it to my Father - To publish quarterly "The British Museum", consisting of Dissertations on the Curiosities of Art & Nature in that National Repository, illustrated with fine Plates - and in addition the printing from original MSS. (or very scarce Pcs if the MSS are too few or unimportant) such works

or Extracts, Letters, Fragments &c. &c. as may seem most worthy of preservation & perusal — As 8vo Volume (large paper) as it would be a Gentleman's Book — Now this I conceive would be a pretty safe speculation & upon this I would ask for the Editor that I could employ proper Persons to do the needful, both in Authorship & plates. —

Keats has set with many Detractors — S.T. has been followed in the Chronicle by R.B. of the Eagle. I know neither of them — In one of the Sun papers is a Critique by Tyson on Hazlitt's Lectures, but this I do not much admire — We have sent the Paper to Sandy on — I owe however I send, upon Tick & Tick, if you will peruse them, you shall receive such Papers or periodical works as I may perfectly wish to see again. — Of this class you will consider the Edinb. Review. — I forget whether Mossy & Co put what appeared in the Sun against Blackwood's Mag. ere before you went away, but I think did — Reynolds when in Devonshire wrote a Retort in Verse on Keats, which I have not yet seen — As for the Book itself he is likely to improve

I am happy to hear you think my Sketches which were intended to overtake him — & his next book will do both him & us full credit I hope. —

Pray get Mr Braddock to buy copies of Mrs Allwood's Books & what he may conceive the proper price, for I suspect she will send upon to him. I hope he is better, — & that all our friends are well — Remember me affectionately to Brother Robert, — & believe me to be ever My dear Jem

Thy most loving Brother

John Taylor

Mr Taylor

Asheville